

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Chairman Schmit of the Public Works Committee.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments provide for three basic changes, none of them very serious. First of all, the one amendment would remove the words "demand charges" as charges which could be collected for purposes of the Water Revenue Project Bonding Act. At first the Bonding Authority thought this might cause them some trouble. Now they don't think so, but we did remove those words anyway...we added those words anyway. Secondly, the amendment reinserts language which was contained in LB 1106 which we passed last session and would limit the smaller projects to \$10 million or less for the Resources Development Fund. As the bill was drafted, the projects which started out at less than \$10 million but ran over that amount of money because of cost overruns could receive funds from the Resources Development Fund. We don't change that, but the amendment says that the \$10 million is all they can get from the Resources Development Fund so that we do, in fact, place that kind of limitation on it. The third change would remove the power of the Natural Resources Commission to study whether instream flow requirements could be met through the use of stored water and existing storage facilities. The provision in LB 1106 made the entities who had the appropriations of record nervous about whether their appropriations could be eliminated in favor of a new instream appropriation. So we eliminated that provision that dealt with the existing instream flow requirement. The final section would insert one word in Section 22 which would further clarify that section and as the original drafters attempted to do that. I urge you to adopt the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the committee amendments to the bill 102? If not, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote on the committee amendments. 25 votes required. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator